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CURRENT COMMENT.

The legislature of California, which meets in January, will be so nearly unanimously republican that a division on party lines on any subject whatever will be out of the question.

A farmer near Montpelier, Ind., refused to allow oil wells to be drilled in his property because "the earth turns on its axis and who knows but what the oil was put down there to grease the axis?"

It will be noticed that in the list of "great democrats" mentioned by Tom Watson in his post mortem statement William Jennings Bryan is the only man living north of the "solid south" who is so recognized.

"We are for Parker because we are weary of defeat," said Senator Daniel, of Virginia, at the St. Louis convention. He is one among a considerable number of democrats who have not been heard from since the election.

An arithmetic man calculates the newspaper and periodical output in the United States at 2,865,466,000 dailies, 1,208,190,000 weeklies and 263,452,000 monthlies. Total 4,337,108,000 copies—an amount of printed matter equal to 2,000,000,000 average novels.

Patrick Keerwin, of Seward, Westmoreland county, Pa., the oldest voter in the United States, cast his twenty-first presidential ballot for Parker and Davis. He is 107 years 8 months and 1 day old and takes the same keen interest in politics to-day as he did 50 years ago.

Thomas Tibbles has undertaken to ascertain by means of a referendum vote the will of the populist party as to reorganization, thus giving a lesson in humility to Mr. Bryan, who promises to submit a plan of his own to the democrats without giving them a chance to offer preliminary suggestions.

C. H. Richards, a citizen of Milwaukee, thinks that should Gov. LaFollette be elected to the United States senate John C. Spooner will resign from that body. Mr. Richards declares that this extreme action would be a fair indication of the tremendous bitterness between the two men named and of the animosity that actuates their respective partisans.

American capitalists are buying up European canals and preparing to substitute electric power for that in present use. Recurrence of such announcements may be flattering to American pride, but it would be immensely more satisfactory in the end if American capitalists would devote their energies more to developing the many dormant resources of their own country.

The New York Financier, in taking a look ahead, remarks: "Wait until the railways of this country begin to straighten their lines and to change largely from steam to electric power. The present systems, vast as they are, will be nothing compared with the state of perfection they are to attain in the future." This is a great country and the boldest prophet cannot foresee what the business of transportation will be 20 years hence.

The hermits of Korea, the Hermit kingdom, are abandoning their reclusive ways and joining hands with Japan on one side and with China on the other. Before the dawn of another year the Seoul-Fusan railway will be open for traffic, directly connecting, in conjunction with boats, Korea's capital with the important points of Japan. The sea passage between Fusan and leading Japanese harbors being short, this railway is practically an extension of Japanese railways.

Mrs. Naomi D. Wells, 70 years old, for the last seven years has kept a light burning at night in the window of her humble cottage on Seward street, Omaha, Neb., in the hope that her son, who disappeared from his home seven years ago, may return to her. She is in destitute circumstances and every effort has been made to induce her to go to the old ladies' home, but despite her extreme poverty, she stubbornly refuses to leave the little home, to which she expects her lost boy to return.

The statement published by our government that English enthusiasts are looking for a future output of gold in the Transvaal of from \$120,000,000 to \$150,000,000 a year is stimulating to the imagination, just as the realization of this prediction would be stimulating to the speculation and business of the world. In the first six months of this year the output of gold in the Transvaal amounted to about \$38,000,000. This is at the rate of about \$76,000,000 for the year. Last year's production amounted to over \$61,000,000. The largest production was in 1898, being \$79,213,000.

ALARMS DEMOCRATS.

Colorado Supreme Court May Throw Out Nine Thousand Votes.

Bets Are Made in Denver That Alva Adams, with Nearly 15,000 Plurality on Face of Returns, Will Not Be Seated.

Denver, Col., Nov. 24.—The supreme court has ordered the Denver election commission not to certify the returns of this county to the state canvassing board until further orders. This is to give opportunity for argument in the supreme court on the matter of throwing out certain democratic precincts in which the republicans alleged fraud.

Gov. Peabody's purpose in refusing to concede Adams' election is now revealed and democrats who have said Peabody was bluffing are now thoroughly alarmed. As maintained in these dispatches from the first, Peabody really means to try to be governor.

The significance of the action of the supreme court lies in the fact that motions will be made to throw out every precinct in Denver and also in many other parts of the state. Nine thousand votes are to be thrown out in the entire state and this will elect Peabody. Of course, the democrats will make motions, but the supreme court contains two justices who are Peabodyites and one Adams man. Democrats say the supreme court will not take such action, which they call revolutionary. Republicans assert it is the only way the court can convert the fraudulent election into a fair one. While democratic leaders profess not to be alarmed, they are thoroughly frightened.

Nonpartisan citizens believe the supreme court will throw out enough votes to seat Peabody. Wagers at odds very nearly even are offered to that effect and the persons offering them were close to republican leaders.

ROBBED FRISCO PASSENGERS.

John Henry Doyle, a Negro of Wichita, Kan., Arrested in St. Louis Loaded with Booty.

St. Louis, Nov. 24.—John Henry Doyle, 22 years old, a negro, supposed to be from Wichita, Kan., is in jail charged with robbing a dozen passengers, taking their clothes, grips and overcoats from a sleeper attached to St. Louis & San Francisco train No. 12 from Kansas and Texas, which arrived at Union station yesterday.

When the train arrived at Union station there were men without overcoats, coats or even shirts. Two women were without shoes. Grips that contained money and wearing apparel and necessary articles for the toilet, clean linen, etc., were missing. Meanwhile local agents at Union station supplied the necessary articles of wearing apparel for the comfort of passengers who had been robbed. Doyle was arrested some time later staggering under his load of booty.

Killed Because He Wouldn't Steal.

Norfolk, Neb., Nov. 24.—Gas Stock, Jr., aged 23, a young navy engineer of Seattle, Wash., was shot and killed by his father, whom he was visiting. Before the young man died he made a post-mortem statement to the effect that his father did the shooting because the son refused to join him in a raid on a neighbor's chickens.

Great Britain Snowbound.

London, Nov. 24.—Unprecedented snowfalls continue in the British provinces. Many places and villages are isolated. There are some instances of funerals being snowbound between the house and the cemetery and children have had to be dug out of drifts between their houses and the schools.

Rearrest Train-Jumping Negro.

South McAlester, I. T., Nov. 24.—Will Hughes, colored, charged with forgery at Duquoin, Ill., was arrested here and will be taken back to Illinois to stand trial. Hughes had been previously arrested, but escaped from an Illinois sheriff by jumping from a moving train near South Mound, Kan.

Anarchists Harass Spain.

Madrid, Nov. 24.—The government has prepared an anti-anarchist bill which will be introduced in the chamber. The ministry is determined to institute vigorous repressive measures.

The Pennsylvania Is Swift.

Rockport, Mass., Nov. 24.—As timed from shore, the new cruiser Pennsylvania made an average speed of at least 22.5 knots on her trial to-day. Her contract calls for 22 knots.

House Committee at Colon.

Colon, Nov. 24.—The government transport Sumner, having on board 13 members of the United States house committee on interstate and foreign commerce, has arrived here.

W. D. Howells in Italy.

San Remo, Italy, Nov. 24.—William Dean Howells, the American author, has arrived here and will spend the winter at this place collecting material for a new book.

A YOUNG BRIDE SHOCKED.

Miss Nora Schoemer, a Musician of Cincinnati, Finds Husband an Ex-Convict.

Columbus, O., Nov. 24.—A remarkable romance was abruptly terminated here when Russell B. Drake, alias James Russell Lowell Miller, a paroled convict, who has been living in Columbus since his release, was returned to the Ohio penitentiary for violating his parole. Drake, in August last, wedded Miss Nora K. Schoemer, an accomplished musician of Cincinnati, under the name of Miller. No intimation of the fact that her husband was a paroled convict reached the wife until yesterday, when a statement signed by Drake's son-in-law, Charles K. Heidelberg, of Bowling Green, O., revealing the fact was published in the newspapers. It was through this statement also that the prison officials learned that Drake had violated his parole by assuming a new name and marrying.

There was a pathetic scene at the apartments of the couple at the Alhambra when Drake was taken into custody by an officer from the prison. His wife had previously announced her intention of remaining loyal to him and help him live down the past, but she was prevailed upon by her mother to return to her home in Cincinnati. Drake, whose age is given as 43, was formerly a well-to-do citizen of Tiffin, O., where he was the agent of a life insurance company. Since he was released on parole he has claimed to own valuable mining claims in Mexico.

\$9,000 FOR SIDNEY DILLON.

Famous Sire of Present Queen of the Turf Bought by Sterling R. Holt, of Indianapolis.

New York, Nov. 24.—Sidney Dillon, the famous sire of Lou Dillon, was sold at the Old Glory horse sale for \$9,000. He was bought by Sterling R. Holt, of Indianapolis, and was shipped east from Santa Rosa, Cal., the Santa Rosa stock farm being the consignors.

Directly, one of the best sons of Direct and himself a famous sire, was sold to E. L. Wood, of Liberty, Ind., for \$1,600. Directly has held many records. He was consigned by John H. Schults, who paid \$3,000 for him at Madison Square garden in 1899.

Henry Vose's White House Turkey.

Washington, Nov. 24.—For 25 years Horace Vose, of Westbury, R. I., has presented each year to the president of the United States a fine turkey for his Thanksgiving dinner. Mr. Vose's bird arrived at the white house yesterday. It is a fine specimen, weighing between 35 and 40 pounds.

Investigating the Packers.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 24.—The department of commerce and labor at Washington is investigating the charges, frequently made, that the packing companies have a combine. This time the investigation is conducted by experienced secret service men.

Consul Davis May Be Recalled.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Displeased by some action of the natives Mr. Davis, the American consul at Alexandria, Turkey, is reported to have lowered the American flag from the consulate during a celebration in honor of the accession of the sultan.

Edict of a Prohibition Mayor.

East Liverpool, O., Nov. 24.—Mayor Weaver, the only prohibition mayor in the state, has issued an edict against the transaction of any kind of business in the city Sunday. He will permit eating houses and drug stores only to be open.

Husk Corn for a Church.

Wabash, Ind., Nov. 24.—Forty-one women of the Wabash Street Methodist church went to the farm of J. H. Ball, four miles north of here, and husked 40 bushels of corn, which they will sell for the benefit of the building fund of the church.

Patti to Sing for the Wounded.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 24.—Adelina Patti will give a concert here December 11 for the benefit of Russian wounded. She volunteered her services out of gratitude for the fact that her first great triumph occurred in Russia.

Chicago's Municipal Museum.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—Chicago will establish a municipal museum after the plan of those in German cities provided the German cities which have exhibits at the fair will allow them to be acquired by Chicago for the purpose.

Janney Company Has Failed.

Ottumwa, Ia., Nov. 24.—The Janney Manufacturing company, capitalized at \$125,000, has passed into the hands of a receiver. The Janney company was engaged in the manufacture of farm implements and machinery.

Federal Job for Albaugh.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 24.—Morton Albaugh, state bank commissioner, is slated for the position of clerk of the United States district court to succeed Frank L. Brown, deceased.

BANKER SAVED CASH.

Nebraska Cashier Refused Robber's Request and Was Shot.

At the Noon Hour a Bold Thief Presented a Revolver at the Teller's Window and Demanded Money from the Safe.

Platte Center, Neb., Nov. 23.—A robber entered the Platte county bank here during the noon hour and shot Cashier Barney Schroeder. He to have secured \$8,000 in cash. He made his escape in a buggy. Cashier Schroeder was at the teller's window when the robber appeared. The latter presented a revolver and demanded the cash from the safe. Cashier Schroeder refused to turn over the money and before the cashier could move away the robber fired at him, the bullet taking effect in the breast.

William Schelp, a clerk in the bank, was in a back room when the robber entered. As soon as he heard the shot he gave the alarm. The robber jumped into a buggy which he had left in a convenient place and made his escape.

Sheriff Carrig and a posse captured the robber later. Following news of the holdup, Howard Clarke, cashier of the State bank of Columbus, brought his automobile into action and loaded the sheriff and a couple of doctors and made a double-quick run to the small village, unloaded the doctors and then joined in the man hunt. The robber was pressed hard about nine miles west of this city and finally overhauled, but not until he had shot at his pursuers. He took a close return shot at Charles C. Englehorne, whose horse shied and threw Englehorne into a barbed wire fence, where he received severe injuries. The robber was brought back to Platte Center and Sheriff Carrig had hard work to save him from mob violence. He was positively identified by Schroeder, even though he had changed his clothing and removed a glass eye that he was wearing when he did the shooting. The bandit gives the name of "Billy" Holden, and says he has been working in the beet fields near Ocones for about two months. His home, he says is in Michigan. He is about 35 years of age. Schroeder's wound, which was at first thought to be fatal, is now believed to be not serious. The robber got no money.

NEEDS OF THE ARMY.

Animals, Wagons, Harness and Other Utensils Purchased Last Year at a Cost of \$527,050.

Washington, Nov. 23.—The total cost of animals, wagons and harness purchased by the war department in the last fiscal year is \$527,050. There were shipped to the Philippines 37,654,000 pounds of hay and 46,998,000 pounds of oats, while 21,246,192 pounds of native forage were purchased in the Philippines. During the years transportation was furnished, exclusive of army transport service, for 820,910 persons, 6,266 animals and 261,593 tons of freight. There were carried from San Francisco to the Philippines by the army transports 10,036, and from the Philippines to San Francisco 14,831 persons.

JUDGE RELEASES \$75,000.

Money That Figured in St. Louis Boodle Cases Reverts to Henry Nicolaus, an Innocent Party.

St. Louis, Nov. 23.—Judge Wood, of the circuit court, in the case of Henry Nicolaus against Charles H. Turner, formerly president of the Suburban Railway company, the German savings institution, Ellis Wainwright and others, decided that the plaintiff was entitled to recover \$75,000, the boodle fund placed on deposit with the Lincoln Trust company by the Suburban Railroad company, to bribe members of the house of delegates, for the reason that "Mr. Nicolaus was ignorant of the purposes for which the money was to be applied."

Value of Kansas Crops.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 23.—Secretary Coburn, of the state board of agriculture, estimates that the total value of live stock slaughtered aggregated \$159,010,755 for the year. The total value of grain and other agricultural and horticultural products he places at \$208,290,267.

World's Fair Bills Paid.

St. Louis, Nov. 23.—At the regular meeting of the board of directors of the Louisiana Purchase exposition President Francis stated that no bills remained unpaid by the commission.

Plurality Against Sam B. Cook.

Jefferson City, Mo., Nov. 23.—John E. Swanger's plurality over Sam B. Cook for secretary of state is 23,980. Wilder, for state auditor, has 21,964 plurality over Albert O. Allen.

Missouri's 252 Medals.

St. Louis, Nov. 23.—Missouri carried off in the agricultural department at the world's fair three grand prizes, 49 gold medals, 101 silver medals and 102 bronze medals.

Chauncey Breaks All Records.

When Senator Chauncey M. Depew, who is 72 years old, finished his speaking tour of New York state just before the recent election he had broken all spell-binding records. He spoke in every county in the state, averaged 300 miles of travel and four speeches a day, and for the twelfth successive presidential campaign made his final speech in Middletown.

Do You Believe This?

Sometimes a really good story comes from England, says the Springfield (Mass.) Republican. One is now told of a storm which blew the steeple of a country church 25 degrees out of plumb. When the workmen were trying to straighten it up the next day another storm came along and blew it back into place.

"WHACKS"

And What They Mean.

When Old Mother Nature gives you a "whack," remember "there's a reason," so try and say "thank you," then set about finding what you have done to demand the rebuke, and try and get back into line, for that's the happy place after all.

Curious how many highly organized people fail to appreciate and heed the first little, gentle "whacks" of the good old Dame, but go right along with the habit, whatever it may be, that causes her disapproval. Whisky, Tobacco, Coffee, Tea or other unnatural treatment of the body, until serious illness sets in or some chronic disease.

Some people seem to get on very well with those things for awhile, and Mother Nature apparently cares but little what they do.

Perhaps she has no particular plans for them and thinks it little use to waste time in their training.

There are people, however, who seem to be selected by Nature to "do things." The old Mother expects them to carry out some department of her great work. A portion of these selected ones off and again seek to stimulate and then deaden the tool (the body) by some one or more of the drugs—Whisky, Tobacco, Coffee, Tea, Morphine, etc.

You know all of these throw down the same class of alkaloids in Chemical analysis. They stimulate and then depress. They take from man or woman the power to do his or her best work.

After these people have drugged for a time, they get a hint, or mild "whack," to remind them that they have work to do, a mission to perform, and should be about the business, but are loafing along the wayside and become unfitted for the fame and fortune that waits for them if they but stick to the course and keep the body clear of obstructions so it can carry out the behests of the mind.

Sickness is a call to "come up higher." These hints come in various forms. It may be stomach trouble or bowels, heart, eyes, kidneys or general nervous prostration. You may depend upon it when a "whack" comes it's a warning to quit some abuse and do the right and fair thing with the body.

Perhaps it is coffee drinking that offends. That is one of the greatest causes of human disorder among Americans.

Now, then, if Mother Nature is gentle with you and only gives light little "whacks" at first to attract attention, don't abuse her consideration, or she will soon hit you harder, sure.

And you may also be sure she will hit you very, very hard if you insist on following the way you have been going.

It seems hard work to give up a habit, and we try all sorts of plans to charge our ill feelings to some other cause than the real one.

Coffee drinkers when ill will attribute the trouble to bad food, malaria, overwork and what not, but they keep on being sick and gradually getting worse, until they are finally forced to quit entirely, even the "only one cup a day." Then they begin to get better, and unless they have gone long enough to set up some fixed organic disease, they generally get entirely well.

It is easy to quit coffee at once and for all, by having well made Postum, with its rich, deep, seal brown color which comes to the beautiful golden brown when good cream is added, and the crisp snap of good, mild Java is there if the Postum has been boiled long enough to bring it out.

It pays to be well and happy for good old Mother Nature then sends us her blessings of many and various kinds and helps us to gain fame and fortune.

Strip off the handicaps, leave out the deadening habits, heed Mother Nature's hints, quit being a loser and become a winner. She will help you sure if you cut out the things that keep you back.

"There's a reason," and a profound one.

Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."